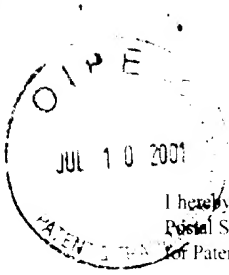


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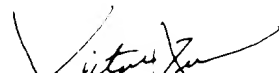
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Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time to file a corrected Amendment in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated April 30, 2001. This petition is for an extension of time originally set for response, that is, May 30, 2001. With the granting of this request, the time for response is Saturday, June 30, 2001.

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